

HOUSE RESOLUTION 46

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Brentwood, Centennial, and Franklin high schools' National Merit Scholarship Program Finalists.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, such exceptional students who were recently named as finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program are: Audrey Aulino, Lukas Bowman, Logan Brownfield, Jesse Cai, Colin Carpenter, Rhys Clark, Owen Coulam, Brent Driver, Dhuhaa Fazili, Raymond Gardocki, William Hong, Angela Huo, Morgan Koerlin, Nathan Lee, Grace Lu, Molly McMullan, Reagan Nelson, Corinne Porada, Nihar Sanku, Luca Santilli, Zachary Villaruz, Amy Xu, and Elaine Zhang from Brentwood High School; Presley Anderson, Sean Beyer, Emma Burrell, and Keira Yocum from Centennial High School; and Aidan Culp, Leah Gallers, David Haskins, Joshua Murray, Jack Parker, Vann Schaefer, and Townsend Schultz from Franklin High School; and

WHEREAS, the National Merit Scholarship Program awards this distinction to students who have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success and who place among the highest ranks of program participants; and

WHEREAS, students enter the National Merit Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test; approximately 15,000 finalists were selected from the semifinalists named in September of last year; and

WHEREAS, together with students from Independence High School, Page High School, Nolensville High School, and Ravenwood High School, Williamson County Schools boasts a total of seventy-seven National Merit Scholarship Program finalists, breaking the previous record of seventy-one students in 2022; and

WHEREAS, 2023 marks the fifth consecutive year that more than fifty students received the prestigious recognition; in 2021, the district had fifty-one finalists; in 2020, the district had fifty-two finalists; and in 2019, the district had fifty-one finalists; and

WHEREAS, as finalists, students will be in the running for Merit Scholarships, which will be awarded beginning in March and continuing through June; and

WHEREAS, these Williamson County students' display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for their future success; and

WHEREAS, their noteworthy achievements are a tremendous source of pride for their families, their schools, and their communities; and

WHEREAS, the dedication to excellence exhibited by each of the National Merit Scholarship Program Finalists is clearly deserving of our respect, admiration, and commendation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Brentwood, Centennial, and Franklin high schools' National Merit Scholarship Program Finalists, recognizing them for their impressive academic achievements and extending to them our best wishes for every success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.